

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : M. HAUL Confirmation No. 3243
Appl. No. : 10/658,200 Group Art Unit: 1723
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For : DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR CONVEYING ROD-SHAPED FILTER ELEMENTS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of May 9, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period set in the office action expired on August 9, 2006, Applicant submits that no extensions of time are required at this time. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file, or the fee submitted herewith is deemed insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 8.